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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 500  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Metropolitan Nashville  
Police Officer Candace Renee Ripp.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the tragic and untimely death of Metropolitan Nashville Police Officer Candace Renee Ripp; and

WHEREAS, Police Officer Ripp was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens by ensuring their safety; and

WHEREAS, this valiant law enforcement officer was killed in the line of duty, while working a one-car accident, on December 8, 2001; she was the first female officer in Nashville history to have been killed in service to the city; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished graduate of the Nashville Police Academy, Officer Candace Ripp had tirelessly and skillfully served the citizens of Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County for nearly ten years; and

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WHEREAS, Officer Candace Renee Ripp, throughout the course of her career and especially in her last assignment to the East Patrol Sector, earned the admiration of her peers and the people she protected and served for her acumen and her dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected and accomplished officer, Officer Ripp had been honored with the Exemplary Service Award and the Department Commendation Award; on December 10, 2001, she was posthumously awarded the Metropolitan Police Department's highest honor, the Medal of Valor; and

WHEREAS, she was deeply devoted to her family, and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Officer Candace Ripp will be greatly missed by her parents; her daughter, Valen Midkiff; her grandchild, Rylee Midkiff; her three siblings; her many friends; and her fellow police officers; and

WHEREAS, Officer Candace Renee Ripp leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and valor in her career as a law enforcement officer, compassion and loyalty in her private life, and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, possessing a great love for her community and work, Officer Ripp carried out her duties with the greatest passion and devotion; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should join all Tennesseans in remembering the bountiful life of this courageous officer and public servant and exceptional human being who gave her life in the cause of the public's safety; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Metropolitan Nashville Police Officer Candace Renee Ripp, who lost her life in service of her fellow citizens, recalling with affection her impeccable character, unquestionable valor and her stalwart commitment to living an exemplary life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Officer Candace Ripp.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.